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This 1994-95 directory of disability self-advocacy groups contains listings of over 700 organizations in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The associations are organized by country and state or province. Listings typically contain the following information: the name of a contact (the name of the member who is the chair, president, or representative for the group); the name of the advisor (the advisor, facilitator, or helper for the group); address; and telephone number and/or fax number for contacts and advisors. Sixteen of the listed organizations are in Canada and one is in Mexico. (CR)

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We are very excited about the growth of self-advocacy in the past few years. As recently as 1990, the self-advocacy directory compiled by Arc had 374 entries.[1] Today, we have well over 700 groups around the nation testifying, to both the rapid growth of self-advocacy and the strength and power of self-advocacy. It is our hope that this directory will enable self-advocates and self-advocacy organizations to continue to grow and build a strong nationwide network through which resources, ideas, hope, and encouragement can be shared.

[1] Amado, A.N., Lakin, K.C., & Menke, J.M. (1990). *1990 Chartbook on services for people with developmental disabilities.* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, Center for Residential and Community Services.

ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

This directory lists self-advocacy groups all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. You can use it to look up other groups in your area, state or province. You can also use it to contact people involved with self-advocacy in other parts of the United States, Canada or Mexico.

For each group, we have listed the following information, if it was available:

Contact This is the name of a group member who is the chair, president or representative for the group.

Advisor This is the name of the person who is the advisor, facilitator or helper for the group.

We have also listed the address, phone number and/or fax number for contacts and advisors when that information was available.

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